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[Despatch Abstract.]

Agriculture Indian Central Coconut Committee
schemes for the multiplication and ~~at~~
distribution of *Crotalaria striata* seeds
in West Coast - Progress report for the year
ending 31.12.1951 - Committee's comments on
remarks appended.

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Copy of letter No.D/915/51 dated 8-1-52 from the Director of Agriculture, Madras - 5. To the Secretary to Government, Food and Agriculture Department, Madras..9.

Sub:- Indian Central Coconut Committee - Scheme for multiplication and distribution of crotalaria striata seeds in West coast - Progress report for the year ending 30-6-1951 - Committee's Comments on - remarks offered.

Ref:- 1. From the Indian Central Coconut Committee No.Fx9 96/48 dated 23.11.51.

*Food 2. Govt.Memo.No.79382 R/51-e*dated.and Agriculture dated 30-11-51

I submit below my remarks on the letter of the Indian Central Coconut Committee referred to above.

In arriving at the target under the scheme for the multiplication and distribution of crotalaria striata seeds in the west coast and in making up the deficit in the target of seed production outside the scheme, the following practical difficulties are experienced.

1. The ryots are unwilling to keep the green manure crop in the coconut gardens for seed collection as it was found to affect adversely the soil moisture and they fear that the yield of coconut trees may be reduced. Green manure crop are not ordinarily allowed to set seed in the plantations for collection, and the fears of the ryots are not groundless.

2. The cost of seed collection is more than what is offered by the Department (Rs.31--8-0 per bag of 160 lbs. including a premium of Rs.6-8-0). Hence, there is no incentive to the ryots to grow the crop for seeds.

3. The ryots do not willingly come forward to purchase the seeds got from the private farms, as they doubt very much about the germination capacity of the seeds.

4. As the primary and secondary seed farms programmed in the scheme are to be arranged by the District staff in the selected taluks and seed procurement will have to be done by them, it will be difficult for them to make up the deficit in future years in view of the above mentioned serious impediments. The Coconut Research Station, Nilesghwar is supplying the District Officers every year with 1000 lbs of crotalaria striata seed obtained from the green manure crop grown in the gardens of the station. Even this practice which entails the growing of crotalaria as an intercrop in coconut groves for seed collection, is found undesirable.

5. I therefore suggest that the scheme for the multiplication and distribution of crotalaria striata seeds sanctioned in G.O.s.3877 Development dated 22.7.48 may be terminated forthwith.

6. I am however instructing the Oilseeds Specialists to grow the crotalaria striata seeds on borders of the plantations.

Sd.xx K.C.Naik,
For Director of Agriculture.

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Secretary

Copy of letter No.F.96/48 dated 4th June, 1952 from the/Indian Central Coconut Committee, Ernakulam to the Secretary to the Govt., of Madras, Food and Agriculture Department.

Sub:- Scheme for the multiplication and distribution of Crotalaria Striata seeds in the West Coast Districts of Madras State.

Ref:- Your letter No.79382 R/51-4 dated 5-2-1952.

I am directed to state that your letter cited above was considered by my Committee at its meeting held on the 30th April, 1952 and that it was decided to approve of the proposal of the Director of Agriculture, Madras to discontinue forthwith the scheme for the multiplication and distribution of Crotalaria Striata SEEDS in the West Coast Districts of your State.

2. As the reasons advanced for the discontinuance of the above scheme would also apply to the scheme for the distribution of Crotalaria Striata seeds in the East Coast Districts of Madras State, it was decided to abandon that ~~sch~~ scheme also. I am now to request you to be so good as to give effect to the above decisions of the Committee immediately, and let me know the date or dates from which the above schemes are terminated.

3. In this connection I am to state that my Committee, while taking the above decisions, also outlined the future policy regarding the future collection and distribution of Crotalaria Striata SEEDS. According to it future production and multiplication of the above seeds should be restricted to the Coconut Research Stations of the State Governments and the Indian Central Coconut Committee, the crop being restricted to the borders of coconut plantations and fallow lands, if any. It is considered that, through these means, it should be possible to produce enough nucleus seeds for popularising Crotalaria Striata as a green manure in areas in the vicinity of the Stations concerned. The Committee also decided to request the State Governments to step up the production of Crotalaria Striata seeds and to popularise the plant as a green manure, as part of the normal propaganda work of their departments of agriculture. It was further decided to have a write-up on the growing of Crotalaria Striata as a green manure crop in coconut plantations, prepared by the Director, Central Coconut Research Stations/ Kasargod and published in the Committee's monthly Bulletin, besides being issued as a pamphlet in the Malayalam and Kanarese languages.

4. I am to request that the above decision as far as they concern your Government may also kindly be arranged to be implemented and a report of the action taken sent to this office as early as possible.

I am also to request you to kindly intimate the number of copies of the above pamphlet in Malayalam and Kanarese Languages you would like to have for distribution among coconut growers through your District Agricultural Staff.

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*striata AGRICULTURE - Indian Central Coconut Committee - Schemes for the multiplication and distribution of Crotalaria/*seeds in the West Coast Districts and in the East Coast Districts of Madras State Discontinuance - Ordered.

Food and Agriculture Department.

G.O.Ms.No.1001

Dated 18th June, 1952.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.3877, Development, dated 22.7.1948.
2. From the Director of Agriculture, Letter No. D2.915/51 dated 8-1-52.
3. G.O.MsNO. 423 Food and Agriculture dated 17.3.1952.
4. From the Indian Central Coconut Committee, No.F.96/49 dated 4.6.1952.

ORDER:

The Governor of Madras accepts the suggestion of the Indian Central Coconut Committee and directs that the Scheme for multiplication and distribution of Crotalaria Striata seeds in the West Coast Districts sanctioned in G.O.Ms.No.3877, Development, dated 22nd July 1948 and the similar scheme for East Coast districts sanctioned in G.O.No.423, Food and Agriculture, dated 17th March 1952 be terminated forthwith.

2. The Director of Agriculture is requested to implement the above decision urgently and report the action taken in the matter in due course.

3. A copy of the letter from the Indian Central Coconut Committee cited is forwarded to the Director of Agriculture and he is requested to offer his remarks on the suggestions contained in it regarding the future policy regarding the collection and distribution of Crotalaria Striata seeds.

/By Order etc./

N. Murugesu Mudaliar,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To
The Director of Agriculture, Madras. with enclosures.
The Accountant General through the Finance.
Copy to the Secretary, Indian Central Coconut Committee,
Ernakulam.

/True copy/

R. Narayanaiah
16/6/52
SUPERINTENDENT.
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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